UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. McGowan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to the Director's notations, asking why the evidence in captioned case has not been returned to the Memphis Police.

This is my responsibility. I knew of the necessity to return this evidence as soon as logically possible; however, I also realized that the Director would not want the evidence returned only to have the Memphis Office obtain it once again and send it back for further comparison purposes with new evidence.

In compliance with the Director's instructions, the evidence was to be returned as soon as Laboratory examinations were completed. There has been a constant accumulation of evidence, making it imperative that the original items be retained briefly for comparison purposes. The true name of the subject was not known until Friday, 4/19/68.

There has been no request from the Memphis Police relative to the return of this evidence. To the contrary, the police feel that this is strictly an FBI case and have indicated this fact accordingly.

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The evidence will be returned to the Memphis Police immediately. There will be no consultation with the Department.

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ACTION:

To answer the Director's inquiry.

CDD:CSH (6)

I should have been advised that my instructions were not being carried out & why.

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